

BANKERS BELIEVE THIS WILL BE ASSOCIATION'S GREATEST CONVENTION

LARGEST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE EVER REGISTER SHOWN

More Than Thousand Had Reported Arrival At Headquarters at Jefferson Last Night

Committees Will Begin Work Today

Sections Will Meet Tomorrow and Association Convention Has Sessions Wednesday and Thursday

Richmond hotels are today filled with the leading bankers of America. They have been coming into the city since Saturday, to attend the fortieth annual convention of the American Bankers' association. Hundreds have already arrived. Approximately one thousand had registered at headquarters, at the Jefferson hotel, last night before 8 o'clock.

According to the secretary and others who have attended the annual conventions for years, the attendance for a Sunday has exceeded all expectations. Half a dozen clerks were busy until a late hour conducting the registration, while a dozen members of the reception committee were busy receiving the delegates and their ladies as they reached the various hotels from the trains.

The general impression among the leaders is that this convention will have the largest and most important attendance of any heretofore held in the city.

A chairman of committees, officers of the association, speakers and leading financiers from every section of the country are already on hand, while the great body of delegates is expected to reach the city today.

All the railroads have been taxed in supplying transportation, but not yet has one of them failed to land its corps of passengers on time. There has been no delay in any particular. Delegates have been received promptly by the committees, and quarters have been assigned without a hitch.

As has been expressed by the officials of the association, never before has there been such a complete arrangement. This is due to the efficient membership of the local committees, each one of whom has devoted much of his time in aiding the other, thus making a perfect team.

Another remarkable incident in connection with the arrangements is the fact that there are no errors in the program as originally gotten together, and few changes will be made, even with the multitude of committee meetings, as well as general gatherings.

Many Business Sessions. When the business sessions of the convention as a whole are held on Wednesday and Thursday, it is believed all the committees will be ready to report, and all the "section" meetings will have been held, so that general business may be transacted with despatch.

Today will be consumed mainly in committee meetings, while Tuesday will be taken up with meetings of the sections, embracing that of the clearing house, the savings bank and the joint secretaries' sections, including a state session of the clearing house and savings bank sections.

Busy scenes presented themselves at the Jefferson, the Richmond, Murphy's, Ruger's, the Lexington and Stump's last night, as the delegates poured in from every direction. Clerks worked ceaselessly and tirelessly in placing their guests, while many of the visitors, as soon as registered, took advantage of the opportunity of viewing the city. Many automobile drives were taken by the delegates and their ladies.

Expressions of admiration were heard on all hands by those who had never seen Richmond, and those who had seen Richmond in former years were surprised at the big change in topography. Many of the large plants have been erected, and the bankers' convention, held here in 1900.

The balconies at the large hotels were filled with ladies who accompanied the delegates, while many Richmond ladies extended them greetings and the courtesies of the city.

Any visitor may, within a few minutes, secure any information he may desire at headquarters at the Jefferson. Scores of clerks and members of the local committees will be constantly on hand to dispense whatever information may be desired. The whole city appears to be ready and willing to help the strangers to enjoy their visit, and everyone is doing his utmost to show the visitor what a great city Richmond is today.

Little Journeys Series.

Every morning at 9:30 o'clock automobiles will be in readiness at the Main street entrance to the Jefferson to take the delegates and their ladies sightseeing. These automobiles have been placed at the disposal of the local committees by patriotic and public-spirited citizens. The automobiles may be used for any purpose by the delegates. Many of the large plants have arranged for "open house" to the visitors, and at many of them special arrangements have been made to show the visitor what a great city Richmond is today.

Industrial committee, consisting of Messrs. Berkeley Williams, Egbert S. Leigh, Horace S. Hawes, William T. Reed, Hugh Antrim and Horace F.

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ARTHUR REYNOLDS,
President of the American Bankers' Association, who arrived in Richmond last night from Des Moines, Iowa, to attend the sessions of the fortieth A. B. A. convention here this week.

ANNUAL DINNER OF COUNCIL CLUB

A feature of the convention today will be the sixth annual dinner and meeting of the Council club, A. B. A., which will be held in the Flemish room, at the Jefferson, at 7:30 o'clock.

This meeting is always looked forward to with pleasurable anticipation by the members. President Reynolds will be the guest of honor.

The speakers will be: Congressman A. J. Montague, Frank Trumbull, chairman board of directors C. and O. railroad, Hon. Martin W. Littleton, and Sol Weider, of New Orleans.

SIX THOUSAND AT THE LORD'S SUPPER

DEEP REVERENCE PERVADES COMMUNION SERVICE OF DISCIPLES.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 11.—The highest spiritual note of the international convention of Disciples of Christ, in session here, was struck this afternoon during the mammoth communion service, which was attended by fully 6,000 people.

The deepest reverence pervaded the entire service, over which Rev. L. O. Bricker, of First church, Atlanta, presided.

W. E. M. Hackleman, of Indianapolis, assisted by a choir of nearly 200 voices, sang the hymns of the praise service. The old familiar hymns were sung and made a profound impression on the vast audience.

Fervent prayers were offered by Rev. Charles E. Morgan, of Nashville, and Rev. Peter Ainslie, of Baltimore. Forty-five deacons and twenty-four elders served the tables, and so thoroughly were they organized that only seventeen minutes were required for the serving of the Lord's Supper.

At the conclusion of this service a special offering was taken for the ministerial relief fund. Virtually every Protestant pulpit in Atlanta was filled at both services today by ministers in attendance upon the convention. A demonstration Bible school was held in the auditorium previous to regular church services and was attended by hundreds.

The evening service was given over to the work of Christian Endeavor. The address was made by E. P. Wise, of Ohio. This was followed by the introduction of all missionaries attending the convention, which will be given to the work of the Foreign Christian Missionary society.

UNCOVER ANOTHER POLITICAL PLOT

Monterey, Mex., Oct. 11.—A dispatch from the City of Mexico says: "Acting on secret information that the historic Santo Domingo church was being used as a storehouse for arms and ammunition by the opponents of the constitutional government, the military authorities took possession of that edifice, arresting members of the clergy and many worshippers."

A search revealed a hidden cavern under the main altar, which was filled with partly decomposed bodies of men who had evidently met with violent deaths. The identity of the victims of the alleged political plot has not been established. More than 300 rifles and a quantity of ammunition were found concealed in the church.

BANKERS ATTEND SPECIAL SERVICES

WILLIAM T. ELLIS ADDRESSES
LARGE AUDIENCE AT SECOND
BAPTIST CHURCH.

ADVOCATES PEACE

SAYS TREATY BETWEEN WARRING
NATIONS WILL BE A DECLARATION OF INTERDEPENDENCE.

Taking the commodious auditorium of the Second Baptist church to its entire seating capacity, approximately three hundred visiting bankers who are here attending the annual convention of the American Bankers' association, besides the regular members of the congregation, were present last evening at the special laymen's service held in the handsome edifice.

H. W. Jackson, a prominent local banker, presided over the special services and introduced the principal speaker of the evening, William T. Ellis, of Philadelphia, a traveler and student, and one of the best-known lecturers of America.

Mr. Ellis had for his theme "The World Man and the World War," and proceeded to point out the misery and suffering that has already been caused as a result of the great European war, which is now in progress. He asserted that it was a world war, five nations being engaged in the hostilities. He declared that America had assumed the proper attitude in the conflict, that he hoped this policy of neutrality would continue to stand until the horrible war draws to a close and a treaty of peace is signed by the nations involved.

"When the treaty of peace is signed it will be a new declaration of interdependence," declared Mr. Ellis, in closing his interesting address.

Following his introduction to the audience, Mr. Ellis extended the visiting bankers the glad hand of welcome in behalf of the local people.

Mr. Ellis, who has traveled around the world on two occasions, has delivered addresses in practically every State in the Union, most of which were on missionary work and the great need of its extension throughout foreign lands. Mr. Ellis is a writer of repute as well as a scholar and lecturer and it is he who writes the weekly Sunday school lesson for the Associated Press. Mr. Ellis has not been a believer in missions all of his life, for some years ago he was sent out by a newspaper syndicate to investigate this work from a critical standpoint.

It was while working in this capacity that he became familiar with the true conditions existing and immediately became a strong advocate of the extension of this work. He is deeply interested in both home and foreign missions and it is on this subject that he has spoken frequently to large gatherings throughout the Union.

Many in Attendance. A short while previous to the meeting last night announcement to this effect was made in the lobby of the Jefferson hotel. Immediately a large number of visitors went over to Second Baptist church, which is only a short distance away. By 8:15 o'clock practically every seat in the auditorium had been taken and a few minutes later every one was occupied. All of the bankers seemed interested in the service, especially the address delivered by Mr. Ellis.

The invocation was delivered by Dr.

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THE VIRGINIAN WILL CARRY NEWS TO HOMES OF BANKERS

The proceedings of the business sessions of the various sections of the American Bankers' association and of the association convention to be held at the Jefferson hotel this week will be fully reported in The Richmond Virginian. The Virginian will also carry scores of stories of happenings incident to the entertainment of the visiting bankers, and copies of The Virginian of each day of the week will be valuable to visitors as a daily record of events and as reminders of the pleasures experienced during this week.

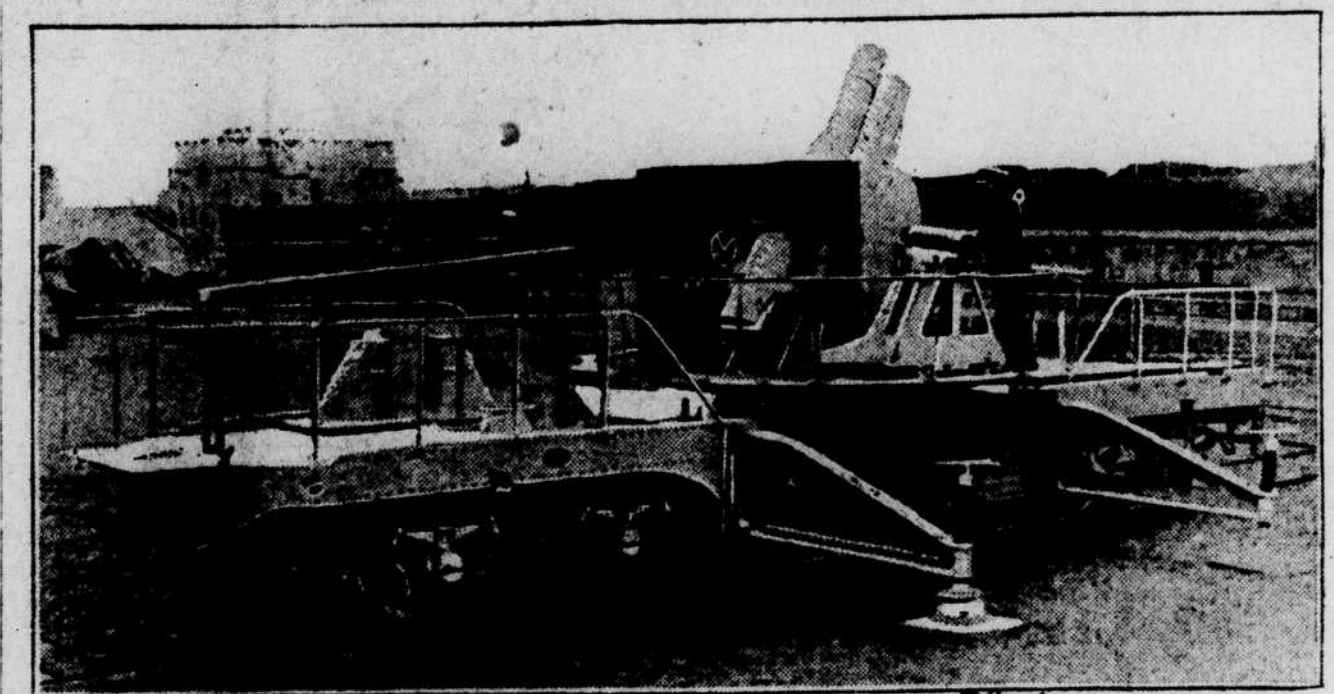
The Richmond Virginian has arranged to take names and addresses of those who desire a complete file of the papers for the week sent by mail to their homes. The issues of each morning, beginning with today's and continuing through Saturday, will be mailed to any address in the United States for ten cents.

For the convenience of delegates and other visitors wishing the series of papers covering the convention, a representative of The Virginian will be in the lobby of The Jefferson where A. B. A. headquarters are located. This representative will receive orders for the series, the papers to be mailed in a single package next Saturday morning.

Orders for the series may also be phoned direct to The Virginian. Call Randolph 222.

GERMAN BOMBS FALL IN PARIS; BELGIANS REACH ALLIE CAMP; RUSSIANS CONTINUE ADVANCE

FRANCE HAS MOUNTED HUGE HOWITZERS ON
TRAIN WHICH CAN BE MOVED ON TRACKS



FRENCH ARTILLERY ON TRAIN

One of the developments of the war is shown in this picture. To make the car more stable it has arms at the made rigid shrouds to hold the sides, which can be extended and made rigid by screws pressing against the plates resting on the ground. The entire train carries three cars for the heavy guns, an ammunition car and a combination ammunition and observation car. The train was made at the Schneider works, at Creusot, France.

SECOND STAGE OF WORLD'S SERIES BEGINS IN BOSTON

Third Championship Game
Will Be Played on Braves'
Home Ground

Mack May Depend On Youngster Today

Shawkey Will Probably Be Selected, While Rudolph May Again Be Chosen By Stallings

New York, Oct. 11.—The first stage of the world's championship baseball grapple has come and gone and tomorrow the series will be renewed in Boston. The Hub is to have its share of the fun the next two days, and there is small doubt that the crowds will be larger than at the two games in Philadelphia. Boston, for several reasons, doubtless also will be vastly more enthusiastic, at the outset anyway, than were the home folks in Philadelphia over the battling on Friday and Saturday.

Boston not only is baseball wise, but keeps up a healthy and sportsmanlike enthusiasm in sports better than most cities, and another reason why this will be a big day there is the wonderful work of the Braves during the pennant season, followed by the two clean-cut victories in Philadelphia over the Athletics. Two consecutive victories on the other club's grounds is a world's series record.

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AMERICAN TROOPS REPULSE INVADING MEXICAN INDIANS

Yaquis of Governor Maytorena
Fire Directly Into Trench of
U. S. Troops

Bursting Shells Hit Naco Houses

Several Indians Who Cross
Border To American Soil,
Captured, Disarmed and
Sent Back Into Mexico

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 11.—After cannon and rifle balls had fallen into Naco, Arizona, from the contending Mexican armies in Naco, Sonora, American troops of the Ninth United States cavalry returned the fire today. The American troops were ordered by their commander, Lieutenant Drake, to return the fire after the Yaqui Indians of Governor Maytorena had fired, apparently directly into the trenches occupied by the United States troops, who are negroes.

The American fire immediately quieted the guns of the Mexicans. The Americans fired about one hundred shots. The fire from the Yaqui ditches and from the concealed Indians was directed into the position of the American troops at the stock yards at the east end of the town of Naco. They were subjected to great danger, due to the proximity of the fire and the number of bullets which hit the small embankment and protection they possessed. They were ordered by their commanding officer to return the fire, under the instructions issued by the war department authorizing American

THREE PERSONS MEET DEATH BY FALLING BOULDER

Denver, Colo., Oct. 11.—Dropping sheer a hundred feet from a precipice, a twenty-ton boulder crashed down upon a flying Denver and Rio Grande train eighteen miles east of Grand Junction, today, killing three persons and seriously injuring fourteen more.

The huge rock fell with such force that it crushed a steel car and pinned a score of men, women and children passengers. A smaller boulder first descended, severing the coupling between the engine tender and smoker. The train then was hurled forward, crashing through the car and shattering it to bits. A large amount of wreckage was thrown into the Grand river, ten feet from the tracks.

Among the dead are Harry Bradlock, of Chicago, and Thomas C. Linkens, branch manager at Grand Junction for the Ridenour Baker Grocery company, of Kansas City. Linkens' head was severed from his body.

Relief trains were hurried to the scene of the disaster, and the prompt relief given undoubtedly saved the lives of many women and children.

WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

FRANCE—German aviators yesterday dropped twenty bombs in Paris. Three persons are reported killed and fourteen wounded. One of the bombs dropped on the roof of the Cathedral of Notre Dame and exploded, penetrating the roof and setting fire to the wooden beams. It is officially established that this bomb was of the incendiary variety.

The official communique issued last night said that there was nothing new except that a standard had been captured at Lassigny. The afternoon communique says that on the left wing German cavalry, which had seized certain positions on the Lys, were forced to retire beyond the Armentieres district. German attacks were repulsed in the district northwest of Soissons and in the region of St. Mihiel. Apremont was taken and retaken in severe fighting, and is now in French hands.

BELGIUM—The Belgian army that escaped from Antwerp passed through Ghent and is believed now to be at Ostend, where it has been joined by a British force. The Germans are said to have suffered a serious check in their advance toward the west at Quatrecht, between Termonde and Ghent. It is reported that large crowds of refugees are fleeing from the coast of Belgium into England and that many of them are in pitiful condition.

RUSSIA—According to reports from Petrograd the Germans have abandoned Russian Poland between Warsaw and the Prussian frontier. The Russians are advancing into East Prussia and are threatening Koenigsberg and the Dantzig-Thorn line. Unless they break this defense their advance towards Berlin will be seriously

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FALL OF ANTWERP IS FALSE VICTORY

PARIS JOURNALIST DECLARES THE
GERMANS WILL SUFFER
FROM DRUNKENNESS.

Paris, Oct. 11.—Alfred Capus, writing in the Figaro, calls the fall of Antwerp a false victory for the Germans, who will suffer from drunkenness in rejoicing over an insignificant military event, while the allies thereby will be made all the more determined to revenge Belgium at Berlin.

M. Capus concludes: "The German army forced the siege to secure a lyric outburst in the German press in the hope of dissipating the chagrin of the German public over the recent absence of victories."

The other morning papers generally refrain from commenting, preferring to republish editorials from the London papers discounting the fall and siege.

The majority of the morning papers refrain, likewise, from making military capital out of the death of the king of Roumania, contenting themselves with vague hints that the monarch's death is big with consequence in favor of the allies.

GERMANS LOST 60,000 MEN AT AUGUSTOWA

London, Oct. 11.—A news agency dispatch from Petrograd says that the last German troops have been evacuated from the government of Suwalki, taking with them many valuables, but having no time to enforce the war levy of 150,000. The German losses at Augustowa, the dispatch says, are estimated at 60,000 men.

ALLIES MASSING GREAT FORCE IN WESTERN BELGIUM

French, British and Belgians
Launching New Blow at German
Forces Beyond French
Border

Ostend New Thorn In German Side

German Cavalry Driven Back
From River Lys—Kaiser's
Troops Also Fail To Gain
Foothold on Left of Meuse—
French Spirits Rise

Paris, Oct. 11.—The allies are massing a great force in Western Belgium and are striking energetically and successfully at German armies defending the railways leading to France.

Antwerp is lost, but Ostend is the new thorn in the German side. In this region, French, British and Belgians are launching an attack which may finally secure the advantage hoped for from the delayed turning movement against Von Kluck.

The government is silent concerning this new offensive thrust, but there are credible reports in the newspapers that the Germans have been beaten in battles in the region of Ghent and that their counter attacks aimed at the coast cities have been repulsed. There is no longer doubt that Belgium is to be in the near future the theater of gigantic conflicts, even though the siege in France continues from the Oise to the Meuse. France feels a new uplift in spirit since it is certain that the allies are not content to defend France, but are determined striking in Belgium.

While the allies develop power in Belgium, General Joffre reports the situation in France to be everywhere satisfactory. German cavalry raiding toward the North Sea has been repulsed at the river Lys and driven back toward Armentieres. Coincidentally, the allies made progress at the hinge of the line, and are maintaining an unbroken wall to the German attempts to break through at Roye and from Caronne to Rheims. In this region the most desperate assaults have been repulsed. Eastward to the Meuse, each side attacks only with artillery, frontal advances by infantry having been abandoned.

Very definite success is reported by General Joffre in the fighting along the Meuse. The Germans have failed consistently to get a foothold on the left bank of the river from whence they could advance their heavy guns to bombard Verdun. Yesterday they were beaten back from Apremont, which is now held by the French. The government had nothing to offer tonight except a swiftness of action. The communique, issued at 11:05, was as follows:

"There is no new detail to report beyond capture of a standard near Lassigny."

"The impression of the day is satisfactory."

Considerable detail of the operations in the north, west and east were given by the report of the afternoon. The text of the communique was as follows: "First—On our left wing the German cavalry which had captured certain points of passage on the Lys east of Aire (a false victory for the Germans) was driven out during the day of October 10, Saturday, and retired in the evening toward Armentieres (Nord). Between Arras (Pas de Calais) and the Oise the enemy made vigorous attacks on the right bank of the river without succeeding in making any progress."

"Second. In the center between the Oise and Rheims our troops have made slight progress to the north of the Aisne, notably in the region to the northwest of Soissons (Aisne). Between Craonne (Aisne), and Rheims night attacks made by the Germans have been repulsed."

"From Rheims to Meuse there is nothing to report. In the Woivre district the Germans have made very violent attacks in the night of October 9, and during the day of October 10. Apremont was taken and retaken, but remained in our hands."

"Third. On our right wing—Lorraine—the Vosges and Alsace, there is nothing to report."

"In resume, everywhere we have held our positions."

"Russia—Fighting continues with the German rear guard southeast of Wirballen and on the line of the lakes to the west of Suwalki."

Falls From Auto Truck.

V. S. Loving, fell from an auto truck standing on Eighth street, near Murphy's hotel yesterday afternoon, and was slightly injured. He was attended by city ambulance surgeon Gorman and taken home.